

1. A method for providing access to an intranet, the method comprising:
providing intranet access cards to users, wherein the intranet access cards include intranet
access information;

5 receiving a first request message for access to the intranet from a first user who receives a
first intranet access card;

processing the first request message to determine if an intranet configuration exists;

in response to determining the intranet configuration exists, processing the first request
message to connect the first user to the intranet configuration;

10 in response to determining the intranet configuration does not exist, processing the first
request message to create the intranet configuration; and

in response to creating the intranet configuration, connecting the first user to the intranet
configuration.

2. The method of claim 1 the method further comprising:

in response to determining the intranet configuration does not exist, processing the first
request message to create a first card configuration for the first intranet access card; and

in response to creating the first card configuration, connecting the first user to the intranet
configuration.

3. The method of claim 2 the method further comprising:

in response to determining the intranet configuration exists, processing the first request
message to determine if the first card configuration exists;

in response to determining the first card configuration exists, processing the first request
message to connect the first user to the intranet configuration;

25 in response to determining the first card configuration does not exist, processing the first
request message to create the first card configuration; and

in response to creating the first card configuration, connecting the first user to the intranet
configuration.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein processing the first request message to determine if the intranet configuration exists comprises:

generating a first query message that includes a request for first intranet access information provided with the first intranet access card;

5 transmitting the first query message;

receiving a first response message that includes the first intranet access information; and

processing the first intranet access information to determine if the intranet configuration exists.

10 5. The method of claim 4 wherein processing the first request message to create the intranet configuration comprises:

processing the first intranet access information to validate the first intranet access card;

in response to validating the first intranet access card, processing the first intranet access information to execute an intranet configuration script to create intranet connections for intranet services; and

activating the intranet configuration.

15 6. The method of claim 5 wherein processing the first request message to create the first card configuration comprises:

20 in response to validating the first intranet access card, executing an intranet card configuration script to configure a requesting communication device for access to the intranet configuration using the first intranet card; and

storing the first card configuration.

7. The method of claim 1 the method further comprising:

receiving a second request message for access to the intranet from a second user who receives a second intranet access card;

processing the second request message to determine if a second card configuration exists

5 for the second intranet access card;

in response to determining the second card configuration exists, connecting the second user to the intranet configuration;

in response to determining the second card configuration does not exist, processing the second request message to create the second card configuration; and

10 in response to creating the second card configuration, connecting the second user to the intranet configuration.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein determining if the second card configuration exists comprises:

generating a second query message that includes a request for second intranet access information provided with the second intranet access card;

providing the second query message;

receiving a second response message that includes the second intranet access information; and

processing the second intranet access information to determine if the second card configuration exists.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein processing the second request message to create the second card configuration comprises:

25 processing the second intranet access information to validate the second intranet access card; and

in response to validating the second intranet access card, executing a second intranet card configuration script to configure a second requesting communication device for access to the intranet configuration using the second intranet access card; and

storing the second card configuration

10. An intranet platform system comprising:
- 5 a processing system configured to process a first request message to determine if an intranet configuration exists, in response to determining the intranet configuration exists, processing the first request message to connect a first user to the intranet configuration, and in response to determining the intranet configuration does not exist, processing the first request message to create the intranet configuration and connect the first user to the intranet configuration; and
- 10 an interface system coupled to the processing system and configured to receive the first request message for the processing system from the first user who receives of a first intranet access card.
11. The platform of claim 10 wherein the processing system is configured to process the first request message to create a first card configuration for the first intranet access card if the intranet configuration does not exist, and connect the first user to the intranet configuration in response to creating the first card configuration.
12. The platform of claim 11 wherein in response to determining the intranet configuration exists, the processing system is configured to process the first request message to determine if the first card configuration exists, and in response to determining the first card configuration exists, connect the first user to the intranet configuration, and in response to determining the first card configuration does not exist, process the first request message to create the first card configuration and connect the first user to the intranet configuration.
13. The platform of claim 12, wherein the processing system is configured to generate a first query message that includes a request for first intranet access information provided with the first intranet access card, and process a first response message that includes the first intranet access information to determine if the intranet configuration exists; and
- 25 wherein the interface system is configured to transmit the first query message and receive the first response message for the processing system.

14. The platform of claim 13 wherein the processing system is configured to process the first intranet access information to validate the first intranet access card, execute an intranet configuration script to create intranet connections for intranet services in response to the validation, and activate the intranet configuration.

5

15. The platform of claim 13 wherein the processing system is configured to execute an intranet card configuration script to configure a first requesting communication device for access to the intranet configuration using the first intranet access card, and store the first card configuration in response to validating the first intranet access card.

10

16. The platform of claim 10 wherein the processing system is configured to process a second request message to determine if a second card configuration exists for a second intranet access card, in response to determining the second card configuration exists, connect a second user to the intranet configuration, and in response to determining the second card configuration does not exist, process the second request message to create the second card configuration and connect the second user to the intranet configuration; and

wherein the interface system is configured to receive the second request message for access to the intranet for the processing system.

17. The platform of claim 16 wherein the processing system is configured to generate a second query message that includes a request for second intranet access information provided with the second intranet access card and process a second response message including the second intranet access information to determine if the second card configuration exists; and

25 wherein the interface system is configured to transmit the second query message and receive the second response message for the processing system.

18. The platform of claim 17 wherein the processing system is configured to process the second intranet access information to validate the second intranet access card, and in response to validating the second intranet access card, execute a second intranet card configuration script to 30 configure a second requesting communication device for access to the intranet configuration using the second intranet access card, and store the second card configuration.

19. A software product for use in operating an intranet platform system, the product comprising:
processing system instructions operational when executed by a processor to direct a processing system to process a first request message to determine if an intranet configuration exists, in response to determining the intranet configuration exists, processing the first request message to connect a first user to the intranet configuration, and in response to determining the intranet configuration does not exist, processing the first request message to create the intranet configuration and connect the first user to the intranet configuration;
interface system instructions operational when executed by the processor to direct and interface system to receive the first request message for access to the intranet from the first user who receives a first intranet access card; and
a storage medium operational to store the processing system instructions and the interface system instructions.

15 20. The product of claim 19 wherein the processing system instructions are operational to process the first request message to create a first card configuration for the first intranet access card if the intranet configuration does not exist, and connect the first user to the intranet configuration in response to creating the first card configuration.

20 25. The product of claim 20 wherein in response to determining the intranet configuration exists, the processing system instructions are operational to process the first request message to determine if the first card configuration exists, and in response to determining the first card configuration exists, connect the first user to the intranet configuration, and in response to determining the first card configuration does not exist, process the first request message to create the first card configuration and connect the first user to the intranet configuration.

22. The product of claim 21, wherein the processing system instructions are operational to generate a first query message that includes a request for first intranet access information provided with the first intranet access card, and process a first response message that includes the first intranet access information to determine if the intranet configuration exists; and

5 wherein the interface system instructions are operational to transmit the first query message and receive the first response message for the processing system.

10 23. The product of claim 22 wherein the processing system instructions are operational to process the first intranet access information to validate the first intranet access card, execute an intranet configuration script to create intranet connections for intranet services in response to the validation, and activate the intranet configuration.

15 24. The product of claim 22 wherein the processing system instructions are operational to execute a first intranet card configuration script to configure a first requesting communication device for access to the intranet configuration using the first intranet access card, and store the first card configuration in response to validating the first intranet access card.

20 25. The product of claim 19 wherein the processing system instructions are operational to process a second request message to determine if a second card configuration exists for a second intranet access card, in response to determining the second card configuration exists, connect a second user to the intranet configuration, and in response to determining the second card configuration does not exist, process the second request message to create the second card configuration and connect the second user to the intranet configuration; and

25 wherein the interface system instructions are operational to receive the second request message for access to the intranet for the processing system.

26. The product of claim 25 wherein the processing system instructions are operational to generate a second query message that includes a request for second intranet access information provided with the second intranet access card and process a second response message including the second intranet access information to determine if the second card configuration exists; and

5 wherein the interface system instructions are operational to transmit the second query message and receive the second response message for the processing system.

13
10 27. The product of claim 24 wherein the processing system instructions are operational to process the second intranet access information to validate the second intranet access card and in response to validating the second intranet access card, execute a second intranet card configuration script to configure a second requesting communication device for access to the intranet configuration using the second intranet access card and store the second card configuration.

DECEMBER 09 2006